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MEMORANDUM FOR

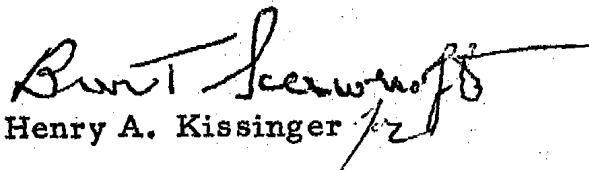
THE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

SUBJECT: Chemical Weapons at Rocky Mountain Arsenal

Many thanks for your memorandum of August 28 regarding the stocks of chemical munitions at Rocky Mountain Arsenal.

The President considers that it would be desirable to have your views on the following aspects before moving forward with the plans outlined in your memorandum:

1. How or to what extent would your conclusions be altered in light of the possibility that binary production and stockpiling may not materialize either because of Congressional and fiscal constraints or in the event the President decides to seek CW restraints which could eliminate the option of further production and stockpiling?
2. What is your assessment of the likelihood and implications of further political pressures to eliminate either existing equipment or chemical weapons stocks at other bases if those at RMA are demilitarized?


Henry A. Kissinger

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